

Memo from

To:

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Tom Gallagher

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Thank you

for the committee publications you had gathered up for me.

The pile did include the sickle-cell anemia hearings. I'm sorry I made you think it was the fault of your staff.

I was glad also to get the Technology Assessment series, but this went just through 1970. Were there no hearings in 1971? (Repr. Davis).

You will be hearing from us soon about setting up better efforts in health systems research.

You should not neglect to contact Dr. Howard Hiatt, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston (Harvard Med.) who is a first-rate scientist now deeply involved in these questions.

I hope the Senator can stay out of prisons, and concentrate his energies on less hopeless segments of the penal system. As far as I know the only penal systems that ever worked (in any sense) were capital punishment for even trivial crimes, and transportation (i.e. to Australia in the early 19th century).

We lack the inhumanity and the geography, respectively to emulate these today; so we had better find some new kinds of ingenuity. Paradoxically, if the police could be more efficient (without sacrificing fairness) we would have to rely much less on the penal system.

But we might have to trade some of our traditional privacies for

the bargain.

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